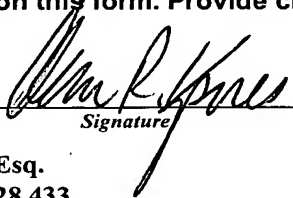



PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)					Docket No. 508.1.015-016	
In Re Application Of: David C. Holmes						
Application No. 10/697,852	Filing Date October 30, 2003	Examiner Matthew Dutton Dryden	Customer No. N/A	Group Art Unit 3736	Confirmation No. 9766	
Invention: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MEASURING INSTABILITY OF A MOTION SEGMENT UNIT OF A SPINE						
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>						
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>February 10, 2006</u> in the above-identified application. <div style="text-align: center;"><small>Date</small></div>						
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"><div><input type="checkbox"/> One month <input type="checkbox"/> Two months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months</div><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"><div>from: <u>May 10, 2006</u> <small>Date</small></div><div>until: <u>August 10, 2006</u> <small>Date</small></div></div></div>						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27						
The fee for the extension of time is \$510 and is to be paid as follows:						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0510						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0510						
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.						
WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.						
 <small>Signature</small>			Dated: August 10, 2006			
Allen R. Kipnes, Esq. Registration No. 28,433						
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